

OFFICIAL MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

Board of Education

Independent School District No. 423

February 9, 2015

CALL TO ORDER –Chairman Kamrath called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 423, Hutchinson, MN, at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers at City Center.

ROLL CALL - Members Present: Mike Carls, Josh Gehlen, Lori Hornick-Lindell, Keith Kamrath, JoEllen Kimball, and Jim Waldron. Also present were Daron VanderHeiden, Superintendent; Donna Luhring, Director of Business and Finance; and Tina Vorlicek, Recording Secretary. Members absent: student representative.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Chairman Kamrath invited members of the audience to address the board regarding items on the agenda. Glen Kurth spoke in support of the School Board’s action in regard to disciplinary action applied to member Lori Hornick-Lindell.

CONSENT AGENDA – Motion made by Josh Gehlen, seconded by Lori Hornick-Lindell, with all members present voting aye, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Approved the minutes of the January 12, 2015 reorganization meeting, the January 12, 2015 regular meeting, the January 21, 2015 special meeting, and the January 26, 2015 quarterly meeting.
- Ratification of the January 6, 2015 through February 3, 2015 claims in the amount of \$5,435,488.67 (including wire transfers).
- Authorized the following employment:

Leave of Absence

- **Kethia Bomstad** – Education Assistant, Park Elementary (2/2/15 -3/13/15)

New

- **Roxanna Boe** – Long Term Substitute Special Education Teacher, West Elementary (1/5/15 – 3/5/15)
- **Tracy Davis** – Special Education Bus Rider (1/8/15)
- **Jon Frykman** – 9th Grade Football Coach (1/20/15)
- **Nikki Krasean** – Special Education Assistant, Community Preschools (2/3/15)
- **Alejandro Lopez, Sr.** – Custodian, West Elementary (2/2/15)
- **Jeff Nies** – Assistant Boys’ Lacrosse Coach (1/19/15)
- **Joni Olson** – Cook Cashier, High School (1/27/15)
- **Michael Reponen** – Middle School Track Coach (1/19/15)
- **Dawn Yira** – Special Education Sub, Park Elementary (1/12/15 – 1/14/15)

Other

- **Malissa Kellerman** – Targeted Services, Middle School (1/21/15 – 5/29/15)
- **Chris Sones** – Extended Day Instruction, High School (1/7/15 – 3/6/15)
- **Meredith Tavary** – Special Education Teacher, One-on-One Instruction (1/19/15)

Resignations

- **Jennifer Farrell** – Special Education Assistant, West Elementary (2/4/15)

Retirements

- **Lorie Maurer** – Grade 5 Teacher, Park Elementary (3/20/15)
- Approved the extended field trip for Robotics on February 25-28, 2015 to Duluth, MN.
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RECOGNITION – Josh Gehlen, on behalf of the Board of Education and ISD 423, congratulated Lori Maurer, Elementary Teacher, on her retirement and thanked her for 22 years of service.

EYE ON THE TIGER (Grina) – Mike Weisenberger, 8th Grade STEM Teacher, provided an overview of the the new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) class at Hutchinson Middle School. The class is a practical, hands-on application for 8th graders that reinforces the student’s 6th and 7th grade learning. The class is one

trimester and all 8th graders will take the class throughout the school year. The new online software was demonstrated; showing how students can build and research projects and have fun learning.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS – Daron VanderHeiden, Superintendent, presented the district highlights.

- Congratulations to the Park Elementary Lego League team for being awarded first place at the State competition and earning the opportunity to compete in the National competition in St. Louis.
- Thank you to all of the 6th and 7th grade Junior Achievement volunteers.
- Congratulations to the cast and crew of the Middle School musical production of the Wizard of Oz.
- Congratulations to the following Middle School students for placing in the top ten-percent (out of 156 participants) at the MathCounts competition on February 6, 2015.
 - Rachel Scheele, 7th Grade, placed 16th
 - Dylan Borg, 7th Grade, placed 12th
 - Rogan Isbell, 8th Grade, placed 11th
 - Reese Eischens, 8th Grade, placed 8th
 - Reese also received the number one medal in the count down round
 - Ben Paulson, 8th Grade, placed 7th
- Congratulations to the Girls' Hockey Team who will be competing in the Section Championship Tournament February 12, 2015, 7:30 pm at Gustavous Adolphus College.
- Congratulations to the Dance Team High Kicks Division who will be competing in the State Tournament on February 14, 2015, 2:35 pm at Target Center.
- Congratulations to the EXCEL AWARD nominees Rachel Haugen and Josiah Wollan. This award recognized MN high school juniors who are active in fine arts and/or athletic activities, who show leadership qualities, and who are model citizens in their community. Award recipients will be recognized on KSTC TV (Ch. 45) during the winter tournaments. Rachel participates in swim/dive, choir, Showstoppers dance team, spring play, and Key Club. Josiah participates in football, basketball, band, choir, BPA, Link Crew, Key Club, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
- Congratulations to the Triple "A" Award nominees Caroline Stroming and Sam Ellefson. This award goes to high school seniors who have a "B" or better grade point average and who participate in High School League-sponsored athletic and fine arts activities. Award recipients will be honored on March 14 during the State Boys' Basketball Tournament. Caroline participates in swim/dive, one act play, and speech. Sam participates in soccer, basketball, baseball, and choir.
- Congratulations to the HHS Students of the Month for January 2015.
 - Haley Burgart, Grade 10, Biology Kingdoms
 - David Emigh, Grade 10, Cell Biology
 - Colton Kosters, Grade 11, Natural Chemistry
 - Karlee Nelsen, Grade 12, AP Physics
 - Mara Pollmann, Grade 9, PS Physics
 - Kaitlyn Reiner, Grade 12, Anatomy & Physiology II
 - Nicole Schommer, Grade 12, Anatomy & Physiology I
 - Natalie Shimpa, Grade 12, AP Biology

Q-COMP UPDATE (Kropp/Nelson/Wilson) – Q-Comp Advisors Melissa Wilson, Sarah Nelson, and Chanda Kropp provided an update about the District's Q-Comp program. There are five components of Q-Comp: career ladder/advancement options, job-embedded professional development, teacher observation/evaluation, performance pay, and alternate salary schedule. This is the District's first school year with Q-Comp. The Advisors have been meeting and working with teachers, administrators, and representatives from the Minnesota Department of Education on potential steps that could improve the Q-Comp plan. The goal is to have a revised plan for next school year by May, 2015.

SENIORITY LISTS (Marcotte) – Moved by Mike Carls, seconded by Jim Waldron, with all members present voting aye, to approve the Education Hutchinson, Early Childhood Family Education, Hutchinson Education Support Professionals, and Local 284 seniority lists as presented.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AGREEMENT (Luhring) – Moved by Lori Hornick-Lindell, seconded by Josh Gehlen, with all members present voting aye, to approve the District Computer Specialist (Beth Jensen) employment contract for the period of February 2, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

ARCHITECT AND ENGINEERING SERVICES SELECTION – Moved by Josh Gehlen, seconded by Mike Carls, with all members present voting aye, to approve the recommendation of the Facilities Committee to hire LHB, pending a formal agreement, to provide the architect and engineering services in preparation for a potential bond referendum. Facilities Committee members expressed their satisfaction with the selection process and appreciated the opportunity to spend six-plus hours with each firm in order to find the right fit for the District and community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Committee reports were presented as follows:

- District Improvement Team (Kimball/Carls) – The next meeting is April 22, 2015.
- Educator Licensing & Teacher Quality (Kimball) – The committee reviewed and processed continuing education units. The next meeting is March 19, 2015.
- Facilities (Gehlen/Kimball/Carls) – The committee toured the Middle School swimming pool and discussed potential improvements and continued discussion of the 5-year plan. The next meeting is February 25, 2015.
- Finance (Waldron / Gehlen / Kamrath) – The committee reviewed the financial reports and bills, wireless internet issues at Park Elementary, the architect and engineering selection recommendation, Lego League, insurance, and negotiations. The next meeting is March 2, 2015.
- Legislative / SEE (Gehlen / Carls) – At the January general membership meeting, members and legislators discussed Q-Comp and teacher evaluation legislation components and education funding. The next general membership meeting is February 20, 2015.
- Parks, Recreation, Community Education (Waldron) – The group received a yearly overview of PRCE facilities and programs. The next meeting will focus on community education. The next meeting is March 2, 2015.

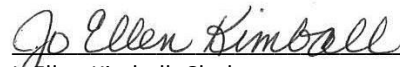
UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS – The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2015, 5:30 pm, Council Chambers at City Center.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion made by Mike Carls, seconded by Lori Hornick-Lindell, with all members present voting aye, to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 pm.



Keith Kamrath, Chairman

03/02/15
Date



Jo Ellen Kimball, Clerk

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